

# The Only Foundation

1 Cor. 3:11

## Introduction:

- A. Paul rebukes the Corinthians for their divisions (vv. 3-4)
  - 1. Caused by making men the foundation if their faith.
    - a. Men are mere servants (vv. 5-10).
    - b. The house and field belong to God (v. 9)
  - 2. Only one foundation can legitimately laid (v. 11).
- B. Let's consider some characteristics of this foundation:

## Discussion:

### I. He Is a *Comprehensive* Foundation.

- A. The foundation of the church (Matt. 16:18; Eph. 1:22, 23; 2:19-22).
- B. The foundation of the gospel (1 Cor. 15:1-12)
- C. The foundation of our salvation (Acts 4:10-12).
- D. The foundation of our hope (1 Tim. 1:1; Eph. 2:12-13; 1 Cor. 15:19-20)
- E. The foundation of our lives (Gal. 2:20)

### II. He Is a *Distinctive* Foundation.

- A. Distinguished by His strength (2 Tim. 2:19; Matt. 7:24-25).
- B. Distinguished by His suitability (1 Pet. 2:4; Heb. 7:26).
- C. Distinguished by His perpetuity (Dan. 2:44, 45; Heb. 7:24, 25).

### III. He Is an *Exclusive* Foundation.

- A. No other foundation will do.
- B. Yet, men continue to build on foundations of sand.
  - 1. Themselves (2 Cor. 4:5).
  - 2. Other men (v. 4).
  - 3. Human wisdom (1 Cor. 2:4).
    - a. Philosophical.
    - b. Religious
  - 4. Human strength (1 Cor. 1:25-31)
    - a. Physical.
    - b. Social.
    - c. Political.

## Conclusion:

- A. "If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (Ps. 11:3)
- B. Let us rest our lives and our hopes on the One Foundation.
- C. Let us build up the church on the this Foundation.